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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washington—Rain.
Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Increasing cloudiness, followed by rain.

TURN OF THE TIDE.

It begins to look as if the ordinary American is incapable of self-government; as if the prescribed conditions were running away from the prescriptive power; as if the freest people on earth were abjectly dominated by the coarsest and boldest systems and men possible to organize and maintain. San Francisco is an apt illustration of the extremities to which the evil has gone; Ruff is the type of a tyranny that is infinitely worse than anything the American ever warred against in the open field, and for the sake of the Pacific coast and the country at large, it is hoped that he and his methods may be crushed out and down until the memory of them shall be a galling reproach and a by-word of detestation in the mouth of man. San Francisco, earthquake-stricken, fire-riven, strike distracted, was honorable and honored, but San Francisco, Ruff-stricken, is disgraced beyond redemption, save for an edict and application of law that shall wipe the arch-thief and his organization from the purview of mankind. This has been her year of sorrow and shame and spoliation, and the tide must turn sometime.

ASTORIANS RESPONSIBLE.

In the columns of this paper will be found the full text of the proposed amendments to the charter of Astoria. There are fifteen of them, and they are all significant and have a direct and serious import for the people. Therefore it is the duty of the voter, and especially the tax-paying voter, to scrutinize every word and line and figure, and pass honest judgment on them, severally and collectively, for his is the entire responsibility for their adoption or rejection. If in the days to come, they, or any of them, shall prove blunders, or impediments or mere vehicles for political manipulation, the man who voted for them must shoulder his share of the trouble whatever it may be. Now is the time to pass judgment. It is up to the people. It is no mere question of men or politics. But it is an issue of policies upon which the credit and prosperity of the city is predicated and demands thoughtful and timely investigation. Let not Astorian shirk his duty in the case. If there is any detrimental element in the fifteen new laws, he must detect it and vote it down.

AS NEW YORK GOES.

The country looks eagerly for the election results in New York State on Tuesday next. The old saying that "as New York goes, so goes the country," means something this year. It is the President's State, and the triumph of democracy there will be bitterly suggestive of a denial and repudiation of the magnificent work done by the last congress, and a stultification of Mr. Roosevelt's own program, and service to the country. We, of the extreme west, are as deeply interested in the outcome there, as her nearest neighbor state for her declaration at the polls next week is a national matter in its significance. We believe that Mr. Hughes will win out in unequivocal style and that the Empire state will stand by the national power that has manifested so high a purpose in behalf of the commonality. If Mr. Hearst shall be

elected it will mean the revulsion in political and financial affairs that has invariably followed Democratic ascendancy. From such a reaction may the good sense of New York defend us.

TO SAVE CHILDREN.

The child labor evil is fast reaching a degree of importance when national legislation or at least national recognition will become imperative. Laws designed to regulate or restrict the evil have been passed by almost every state legislature, but the indifference or ignorance of officials supposed to enforce the laws renders such legislation practically inoperative. The trouble has come from a lack of public interest. The people as a mass have not understood or appreciated the real danger to the nation and to the individual bound to result from the working of mere children for gain. The subject has more in it than sentiment; it almost reaches the dignity of a grave national peril. For several years an organization known as the National Child Labor Committee has been doing excellent work influencing legislation and this committee of which former President Grover Cleveland and Cardinal Gibbons are members has to its credit the passing of many laws.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Barter is the basis of all trade. If we would sell, we must also buy. This is true of a nations and men. A tariff is "protective" only to the same extent to which it is prohibitive of trade, and is injurious to both buyer and seller to the extent to which it is prohibitive. It gives an unjust advantage to one class, that is to those who have a monopoly in the exclusive market product by it. It discriminates against all who buy in that market, and against all who use houses or commodities within the "protected" zone. It is the very quintessence of dishonesty; and to advocate such a policy in the name of labor is the very quintessence of hypocrisy.

The fact that W. R. Goldschmidt has just been appointed chancery registrar of the royal courts of justice of England recalls an interesting romance. There are not perhaps many persons who know he is a son of the famous songstress of the last century, Jenny Lind, nor is it perhaps widely known outside the family circle that his father, Otto Goldschmidt, will, on Tuesday, enter on his seventy-eighth birthday. It is just a little more than half a century since the famous musical professor accompanied the Swedish nightingale on her tour of the United States and fell in love with her in the course of her successful engagement.

The American man is an ideal lover, as he is an ideal husband. The Englishman has a firm belief in the superiority of man, the American man in the spiritual superiority of woman. The English woman does not pull her husband about by the nose, not if he is big enough to remonstrate and pull back. The German is much like the Englishman in this respect. The "frau" is the housewife, not the supreme dictator of the family, as is most usually the case in this part of the globe. The Frenchman has more gallantry than faithfulness, of which fact the French woman is fully aware. Besides, the French woman doesn't want to boss; she'd rather indulge in coquetry on which she thrives and stays young and beautiful.

A really poor figure can be made graceful; the secret is in a splendid soldierly carriage. Large hips are not desirable. If you will learn to hold the head erect, in a straight line with the spine, if you will keep the chest uplifted, the hips back, abdomen held in—in fact, if you will adapt yourself to a modified "kangaroo walk," you will be surprised to find how very much your figure will change for the better. A good corset, made especially to fit you, will be a tremendous aid. A corset should fit snugly about the hips, with such lines that hold the abdomen in place and send the hips back. The waist must be large and the corset must fit tightly only about the hips. The well-fitting corset is the cause of most good figures. Walking will enlarge the hips.

EMPANNELLING JURY.

Examination of San Francisco Grand Jury in Progress.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 1.—The only incident out of the ordinary in the examination of the grand jurors today was the challenging of James E. Britt, father of Jimmy Britt, the pugilist, by Heney, because Britt's name was not on the last year's assessment roll. A. Shortridge contended that as Britt's name was on last year's roll he would be competent to serve. The argument on this point consumed most of the afternoon's session.

WILL BURN THE DEAD

Rauma Singh, Hindoo, Will Be Cremated Today.

MR. CHERRY LENDS THEM AID

Funeral Pyre Will Be Beyond the City Limits—Rumor That Hume Slab Furnace Will Be Utilized—First Event of Kind Here.

During the month of August there arrived in this city from up Seattle way a group of four Hindoos. They were the first of their race to reach this city in the guise of workmen, though many have been here and passed through as sailors on the foreign vessels that touch here. Their names were Rauma Singh, G. Saigel, D. Nanan Singh and G. Angaram, and they found work almost instantly at the Tongue Point mills and have worked there ever since.

There were a quiet, orderly, unobtrusive set, but with nothing especially friendly about them. They have an intelligent look and their odd costumes invariably made them conspicuous in any sort of a crowd. They have worked faithfully and well in the lines set for them by the management of the mills, and no fault has been found with them in any way.

Rauma Singh was a consumptive. This developed lately in such a fashion as to compel him to seek the aid of the authorities. He was without funds to support himself in his extremity and at once became a county charge and was sent to St. Mary's hospital for treatment. He died on Wednesday morning last at 9 o'clock and his remains were turned over to Coroner W. C. Pohl for burial at the public expense.

Just at this point the rest of the Hindoos step in with a request that the body of their dead comrade shall be turned over to them for burial in accordance with the customs and the religion of their country, which involves the burning of the remains upon a pyre and the scattering of his ashes to the wide winds of Heaven. They preferred their request and Coroner Pohl, however willing he might have been to accord them the favor, was without the authority of law in the premises and was compelled to deny them.

At this point they realized that they were subjects of the British crown and immediately invoked the assistance of British Vice Consul P. L. Cherry, who, being intimately acquainted with the Hindoo faith and its practices and knowing how dear it is to the nature of the faithful, at once gave his aid in securing the release of the body for the purposes of burial and upon this adequate endorsement, the three were successful, as the following letters will indicate.

The funeral will be held some time today, and the body of Rauma Singh will be burned to atoms, but just where no one has been able to find out, except that it will occur beyond the limits of the city. A report was current late last night, that the Hume mill people had granted them permission to use the huge slab furnace at the mills for the ceremony, and that its use was sought because it would spare the three friends the publicity that might attend an open burial in the country. At all events, they will dispatch the remains by fire today and with all the unction and ceremony of which they have command.

Following is the correspondence leading up to the release of the body for this sacred purpose:

From the three Hindoos to Coroner Pohl:

"Astoria, Ore., Nov. 1, 1906.

"To Wm. C. A. Pohl:

"We, the undersigned, hereby ask you to surrender to us the remains of Rauma Singh, who died at Astoria, Oregon, on the 31st day of October, 1906, for the purpose of disposing of the same with the customs of his country and his religion.

"We are and he also was a native of British India and the customs referred to are that he be burned on a pyre and his remains converted into ashes, under the rituals of his religion.

"We would prefer to do this even to having him cremated in a crematory and we have not the means to take him to a crematory. We are friends of the deceased, he having no known relatives in this country.

"G. L. SAIGEL,
"D. NANA SINGH,
"G. ANGARAM.

"I. P. L. Cherry, British Vice Consul, most respectfully request that the above demand be granted.

"P. L. CHERRY,
"British Vice Consul."
From Coroner Pohl to Judge Thos.



The Hospital

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A. McBride:

"Astoria, Ore., Nov. 1, 1906.

"Rauma Singh is dead.

"He died on October 31, 1906, at St. Mary's Hospital of tuberculosis.

"He has so far as I know no relatives in this country.

"I have taken charge of his remains and hold the same.

"There have appeared before me several persons who claim to be his friends and countrymen as well as co-religionists who have asked me to surrender to them the remains, for the purpose of disposing of the same in accordance with the customs of their religion and country.

"All of them, as well as the deceased, claim, or are claimed, to be natives of British India. The disposal of the remains consists of, I am told, burning the same on a pyre until they are converted into ashes. They prefer and ask that this be done under their auspices in Clatsop county.

"They further allege that they have not the means to take them to the crematorium in Portland and do not want to do that, anyway.

"I do not see my way clear to grant their demand as this manner of disposing of the dead is contrary to the customs of this country, and in my opinion against public policy.

"I therefore most respectfully petition the court to issue an order in this matter. Most respectfully submitted,

"WM. C. A. POHL,
"Coroner of Clatsop County, Oregon.
"To the Honorable Circuit Judge, T. A. McBride."

From Judge McBride to Coroner Pohl:

"To the Coroner of Clatsop County:

"I see no reason to refuse the request of the friends of the above deceased and with the agreed case submitted I order that you surrender the body of deceased to his countrymen for cremation according to the rites of his and their religion.

"THOMAS A. M'BRIDE,
"Circuit Judge."

Croup.

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